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EO 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: WALDRON CASE

REF CAIRO 11871,

1. CPL WALDRON, ACCOMPANIED BY RSO, SY OFFICE INTERPRETER, CONSULAR OFFICER AND AN EGYPTIAN STATE SECURITY OFFICIAL, COL WAGIH, WENT TO POLICE STATION THIS MORNING AS REQUESTED. POLICE REFERRED CASE TO PARQUET, WHERE SOMEONE FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE QUESTIONED WALDRON FOR TWO HOURS BEFORE EXAMINING MAGISTRATE. MY LETTER RE WALDRON'S IMMUNITY GIVE TO COL WAIGH, WHO ACKNOWLEDGED IT. HE ALSO CONVEYED CONTENTS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY PRIOR TO HEARING. WALDRON WAS ASKED GIVE ORAL STATEMENT OF WHAT HAPPENED AND LATER TO SIGN ARABIC TRANSLATION OF THAT ORAL STATEMENT. (IN COURSE OF HEARING, COL WAIGH, RSO AND CONSULAR OFFICER WERE ASKED TO LAVE BY EXAMINING MAGISTRATE BECAUSE OF INTERVENTIONS.) AT END OF HEARING, WALDRON WAS DISMISSED, BUT DA ASKED THAT HE NOT LEAVE COUNTRY FOR SEVEN DAYS TO ALLOW VICTIM TO BE QUESTIONED. WALDRON'S PISTOL WAS ALSO RETURNED. ALL EVIDENCE TO DATE STILL INDICATES EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES HOPE
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HANDLE CASE AS AN "ACCIDENT". WALDRON REMAINS IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY ON EMBASSY COMPOUND.

2. HAVE TODAY ALSO SENT EMBASSY HEALTH OFFICER AND ONE OF MY SY PROTECTIVE DETAIL TO AGOUZA HOSPITAL TO SEE VICTIM AND TO INDICATE TO EGYPTIANS OUR CONCERN FOR HIM. HEALTH OFFICER STATES VICTIM'S CONDITION STILL VERY GRAVE, BUT THERE

SOME SLIGHT SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT SINCE YESTERDAY. WE WILL, OF COURSE, HAVE TO PICK UP BILL FOR VICTIM'S MEDICAL CARE AND, IN UNHAPPY EVENT HE DIES, COMPENSATION TO HIS FAMILY. THIS IS VERY LEAST GOE WILL EXPECT AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASE ARE SUCH THAT WE HAVE A MORAL AND PERHAPS A LEGAL OBLIGATION TO DO SO.

3. AM SENDING NOTE TO FONMIN, AS HE REQUESTED, EXPRESSING REGRETS OVER INCIDENT AND INDICATING WE ARE INVESTIGATING IT WITH VIEW TAKING ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION WE CONSIDER WARRANTED. WILL ALSO MAKE POINT THAT, IN ALLOWING WALDRON APPEAR AT HEARING, WE ARE SEEKING COOPERATE BUT ARE IN NO WAY WAIVING ANY OF HIS IMMUNITY AS MEMBER EMBASSY STAFF.

4. NEWS OF SHOOTING IS ALL OVER TOWN AND HAS AROUSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST. TODAY'S AKHBAR AL-YOUM FRONTPAGE'S SHORT REPORT ON SHOOTING, INDICATING DA'S OFFICE STILL INVESTIGATING. IN RESPONSE PRESS QUERIES WE ARE RECEIVING, WE ARE SEEKING PLAY INCIDENT LOW KEY BY INDICATING A SHOOTING "ACCIDENT" TOOK PLACE AND IS STILL BEING INVESTIGATED.
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